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SUBJ: INVESTIGATION OF FAISAL BIN MUSA'ID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ,
ASSASSIN OF KING FAISAL

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1. ON APRIL 5, I MET WITH KING KHALED, PRINCE ABDULLAH (SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) AND RASHAD PHARAON (ROYAL ADVISOR). KHALED SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD PROMISED HELP IN INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF KING FAISAL. HE HOPED THIS COULD COME SOON. THE SAUDIS, HE SAID, WANTED TO DO THINGS PROPERLY. BUT THE ASSASSIN WAS PRONOUNCED SANE BY SAUDI DOCTOR - THE SHARIA COURTS HAD FOUND HIM GUILTY. THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT THEREFORE WANTED TO "GET THIS OVER SOON".

2. COMMENT: LONG DELAYS BETWEEN SENTENCING AND EXECUTION ARE AGAINST SAUDI AND MOSLEM TRADITION. IF THE EXPERTS ABDULLAH BATTAL HOPES TO FIND IN THE STATES ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, THE FAMILY COULD DECIDE THAT THEY KNEW ENOUGH ALREADY AND BEHEAD THE ASSASSIN WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.
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